

## Weston Public Library Board Meeting June 3, 2014

PRESENT: Denis Toner, Harriette Heller, Chairman Amy Sanborn, Michael Bellacosa, Lynne Langlois, Joan Henderson, Barbara Groves, Rick Ross, Anne Hunt and Director Karen Tatarka

Chairman Sanborn called the meeting order at 7:45 PM.

### RASPBERRY PI REPORT

- \$ Herschel Meadow and Hamilton Forsythe presented a slide presentation on their project. It was followed by a showing of the actual units in place in the library.
- \$ This project was developed to access the card catalogues on three specific computers in the library.
- \$ The boys recommended the library purchase a 3-D printer.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- \$ Nothing to report

### ELLA GIFFORD BOOK AWARD

- \$ Chairman Sanborn gave some background on Ms. Gifford. She had been a substitute teacher and a long-standing library employee.
- \$ The award in her honor is given to the high school junior or senior who exhibits the most adventurous exploration in literature.
- \$ Chairman Sanborn purchased a book, Swann's Way, for the recipient. The cost was \$187.62. She asked and received Board approval for the purchase and reimbursement.

### BOARD GOVERNED FUNDS

- \$ The discussion from the previous Board meeting on dual signatures was tabled for another meeting.

### BUDGET

- \$ There was discussion about addressing any library needs that have yet to be met before the end of the fiscal year, June 30.
- \$ The panic button for the doors has not been purchased. The panic button notifies police should there be a problem in the library. Director Tatarka will speak with Tom Landry and Rick Darling about this purchase.

### SPACE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

- \$ Three questions were put before the Board: 1) how do we proceed with our findings?, 2) do we need more architects/space planners to make a knowledgeable decision on renovation and 3) when do we open the sealed envelopes to review cost?
- \$ A brief summary of history. Director Tatarka spoke with approximately 15 architects/space planners. Of that number, seven expressed interest in the project.

With a deadline of May 23, only three responded, Peter Gisolfi, KG&D and Creative Library Concepts. Only two sealed bids were submitted. Creative Library Concepts works on a commission basis.

\$ Chairman Sanborn and Director Tatarka have been working with Tom Landry about the possibility of opening up the process to include more options, specifically, Tai Soo Kim who worked on the Wilton Library.

\$ The sense of the meeting was that the S&SP committee open the bids. The Board members will review the Tai Soo Kim information on-line to see if that option should be pursued.

#### TECHNOLOGY PLANNING

\$ Karen Bennett has been working with Fredi Beumond and Word Press to work out the kinks in the site.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

\$ This past May saw the highest circulation over previous Mays.

\$ The sale of the LPs did not go as well as hoped.

\$ Matthew Harrison and Valada Yaneva are scheduled to perform on October 17.

\$ On Facebook, the new patio furniture has gotten the most comments. Director Tatarka reported that she has seen people using the furniture even when the library is not open.

\$ The spring-summer library newsletter has been posted.

\$ After researching, no by-laws more current than 1996 have been found.

\$ Coffee. Locations for a coffee machine have been priced out. To locate one by the Community Room would require sheet rocking in addition to plumbing and would cost \$600-800. To locate it in the area where the pay phone used to be would cost \$300-400. Crystal Rock may be able to provide a machine at a discount through the Town if we decide to plumb a line. This temporary solution would provide a way to monitor whether further action is needed. Director Tatarka will speak with them.

#### FRIENDS

\$ There will be a Lunch and Learn on June 11 about i-Pads. This has been very well received.

\$ The Children's Summer Reading kick-off will be June 18

\$ A Kids' Concert will be June 17.

\$ Movie night is June 18 and will be The Monument Men.

\$ The New Yorker program is resuming June 10.

\$ Member Toner suggested we approach the Friends to help fund a 3-D printer. The boys who did the presentation might be able to help with researching the best one.

#### MINUTES

\$ Deferred until next Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

§ Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

§ Nothing

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 17.

Member Ross moved to adjourn. Member Groves seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hunt  
Secretary